



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Twenty-Six Formerly Incarcerated Adults Graduate from South Bay Workforce Investment Board's Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy**

**HAWTHORNE** – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) in cooperation with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation-Parole Department, and Employment Development Department, presented a week long Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy, April 17 – 21, for twenty six recent parolees at the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center in Inglewood.

The academy consisted of four days of intensive pre-employment instruction utilizing the Blueprint for Workplace Success curriculum with an emphasis on overcoming their barriers in preparing for job interviews. The final day culminated with a graduation ceremony and a mini job fair. The participants also received information on the labor market, housing and child support services and donations of suits and business attire to help prepare them for job interviews.

SBWIB Board Chairman Wayne Spencer congratulated the graduates and urged them to take advantage of the opportunity they had been given and stay focused on their personal goals to get back into the workforce.

Among the employers who were on hand to conduct interviews during the mini job fair were Cedar Sinai Medical Center, Local 300 Laborers Union, Chipotle, Jiffy Lube, Boston Markets and the Carpenters Union. At the end of the day, five of the graduates were hired on the spot; twenty-one others are either waiting on the results of their interviews or have already been scheduled for a second one.

The SBWIB operates four One Stop Business & Careers Centers within the South Bay service area plus two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne providing adult, youth and business services. For further information telephone 310-970-7700 or visit SBWIB.org.

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### Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy Photo Caption

Proud graduates of the SBWIB sponsored Career Pathways Job Preparation Academy posed with instructors and SBWIB Chairman of the Board Wayne Spencer (at top left) April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Inglewood One-Stop Business & Career Center.

